

## ABSTRACT

5 An apparatus which is self-contained, disposable, utilized for protecting the distal lens of  
endoscopes. The apparatus is sterile and is used as a holder or as an anti-fog solution  
applicator for the scope while protecting it from impact with a shock absorbent outer  
housing. A new method for protecting endoscopes by placing an inexpensive sterile  
10 protective cover over the distal lens of the endoscope which entails, placing the protector  
over the distal lens prior to medical procedure, protective cover is used intermittently  
and repeatedly during the medical procedure when the scope is not in use. Finally, at the  
end of the medical procedure the protective cover is placed over the distal lens and not  
removed until the scope reaches the area where it will be cleaned and sterilized. By  
15 protecting the scope prior to, during and after a medical procedure, endoscope repairs are  
reduced thereby saving hospitals money.

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